

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2670, amended, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the County of Iosco, MI; H.R. 3387, to designate the Southern Piedmont Conservation Research Center located at 1420 Experimental Station Road in Watkinsville, Georgia, as the "J. Phil Campbell, Senior Natural Resource Conservation Center;" H.R. 3464, amended, to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Devils Backbone Wilderness in the Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri, to exclude a small parcel of land containing improvements; H.R. 3665, amended, to transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to conduct the census of agriculture; and H.R. 1627, amended, Food Quality Protection Act of 1995.

### TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the Transportation appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

### ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER SYSTEMS AND REGULATION

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on Electronic Benefit Transfer Systems and Regulation E. Testimony was heard from Ellen Haas, Under Secretary, Division of Food, Nutrition and Consumer Service, USDA; Edward DeSeve, Comptroller, OMB; Griffith Garwood, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Federal Reserve System; William Kilmartin, Comptroller, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

### WELFARE AND MEDICAID REFORM ACT

*Committee on the Budget:* Ordered reported the Welfare and Medicaid Reform Act of 1996.

### OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held an oversight hearing on the Status of the International Global Climate Change Negotiations. Testimony was heard from Rafe Pomerance, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environment and Development, Department of State, Marc Chupka, Acting Assistant Secretary, Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy; David Gardiner, Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy Planning and Evaluation, EPA; and Jeffrey Hunker, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Commerce.

### WORKER RIGHT TO KNOW ACT

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on H.R. 3580, Worker Right to Know Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FBI BACKGROUND FILES SECURITY

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Held a hearing on Security of FBI Background Files. Testimony was heard from the following former White House Counsels: C. Boyden Gray; A.B. Culvahouse; and Dick Hauser, Deputy Counsel; and the following former officials of the Office of Personnel Security: Jane Dannenhauer; and Nancy Gemmell.

### ADMINISTRATION'S NONPROLIFERATION POLICY

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on the Administration's Nonproliferation Policy. Testimony was heard from Lynn E. Davis, Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### SOUTHEAST ASIA-U.S. COMMERCIAL INTERESTS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a joint hearing on U.S. Commercial Interests in Southeast Asia: Tapping the "Big Merging Markets". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FEDERAL RECORD KEEPING AND SEX OFFENDERS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing regarding federal record keeping and sex offenders. Testimony was heard from Representatives Frost, Gutknecht and Zimmer; Harlin R. McEwen, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### POW/MIA ISSUES

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on POW/MIA issues. Testimony was heard from Kent M. Wiedemann, Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; James W. Wold, Deputy Assistant Secretary, POW/MIA affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3378, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to extend the demonstration program for direct billing of Medicare, Medicaid, and

other third party payors; H.R. 401, amended, Kenai Natives Association Equity Act of 1995; H.R. 2941, amended, Housing Improvement Act for Land Management Agencies; H.R. 3290, to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Land Management for each of the fiscal years 1997 through 2002; H.R. 3660; amended, Reclamation Recycling and Water Conservation Act of 1996; H.R. 3198, National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 1996; and H.R. 3249, amended, to authorize appropriations for a mining institute to develop domestic technological capabilities for the recovery of minerals from the Nation's seabed.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3640, to settle a land claim for the Torres Martinez Indian Tribe; H.R. 3642, California Indian Land Transfer Act; and H.R. 2591, Indian Federal Recognition Administrative Procedures Act of 1995.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 3640. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bono and Brown of California; Michael Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 3666, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI (the three-day availability of the report), clause 7 of rule XXI (the three-day requirement for availability of printed hearings and reports on appropriation bills) and section 302(f) of the Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing budget authority, new entitlement authority, or new credit authority in excess of subcommittee's 302(b) allocation for such authority).

The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill (other than sections 204 and 205) for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriations bills) or clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting transfers of unobligated balances). The rule provides for the adoption of the amendment printed in section 2 of the resolution (to remedy the Budget Act violation).

The rule provides for priority in recognition of those amendments that have been preprinted in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote.

The rule provides that a motion to rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted and shall have precedence over a motion to amend, if offered by the Majority Leader or a designee after the reading of the final lines of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lewis of California; Lazio and Stokes.

#### SAVINGS IN CONSTRUCTION ACT OF 1995

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2779, Savings in Construction Act of 1995.

#### AVIATION SAFETY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Aviation Safety: Treatment of Families After Airline Accidents. Testimony was heard from James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Michael Harris, Associate Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

#### DVA COMPUTER MODERNIZATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension, Insurance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the DVA computer modernization effort. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and R. John Vogel, Under Secretary, Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations,* business meeting, to consider 602(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the committee in H. Con. Res. 178, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, and to mark up H.R. 3610, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30,